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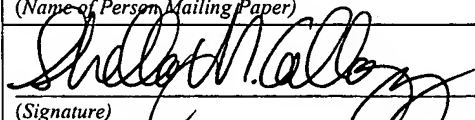
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TRANSMITTAL SHEET

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application, please find:

1. Response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2004 (7 pages);
2. Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 (11 pages, including attached CV);
3. Return Postcard.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, March 19, 2004 , in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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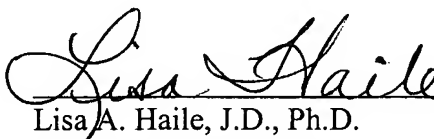
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Respectfully submitted,

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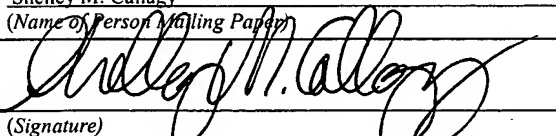
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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action mailed February 3, 2004, please consider the following remarks:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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